

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update

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## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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## Rate increase for private duty nursing

Effective for dates of service on and after October 16, 2000, the Medicaid maximum allowable reimbursement increased for private duty nurses caring for adult recipients who are not ventilator assisted.

### Private duty nursing rates increase

Maximum allowable reimbursement has been increased for services provided on and after October 16, 2000, for nurses in independent practice and home health agencies providing private duty nursing (PDN) for recipients more than 21 years of age who are not ventilator assisted.

The new PDN reimbursement rate is \$21.02 per hour for licensed practical nurses (procedure code W9045) and \$31.53 per hour for registered nurses (procedure code W9046).

### Automatic adjustment of paid claims

Wisconsin Medicaid will automatically adjust paid claims for dates of service on and after October 16, 2000. When the adjustments occur, they will appear on the Remittance and Status Report.

When they become certified, Medicaid providers agree to bill their usual and customary charge for their services, regardless of the Medicaid reimbursement rate. Providers can

refer to the Claims Submission section of the All-Provider Handbook for more information on usual and customary billing.

This *Update* applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid HMO network provider, contact your managed care organization for more information about its billing procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits for enrollees as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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